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## THEY SHOULD MEET IN OGDEN.

The commissioners of twenty-three counties in Idaho are in convention for the purpose of conferring on taxation, good roads, care of the sick and indigent and other problems of county government. This paper has repeatedly advocated a convention of that kind, only on a larger scale. The county commissioners, city councilmen, heads of police departments, constables, sheriffs and other officials who have charge of the expenditure of money and the care of the criminal and those who are public charges through misfortune, should meet once a year in order to co-operate in their work and exchange ideas as to the best methods of law enforcement.

The conferences should extend to all the officials of that class in the intermountain region, for there are many problems common to all counties and cities which should be solved, one of which is the vagrant. Should the "undesirables" be forced to "move on," each city and county shirking responsibility? So with the criminal class, the dope fiends and others in that category—what shall we do with them? Shall we fall in our duty by simply saying, "Begone," trusting in some other community to accept the responsibility?

Why not a convention in Ogden to consider these questions? Why not invite United States government officials to join in formulating some plan for handling the tramps?

There is a world of good work in this direction waiting for some one to take the initiative. Shall Ogden lead the way?

## "STUNG."

Governor Sperry has refused to issue requisition papers to bring Dolly Dimples, her husband and manager back to Ogden for defrauding the young lady, who captured Dolly Dimples, out of \$275. Governor Sperry told Detective Pender that it would probably cost several thousands of dollars to prosecute the Dolly Dimples' combination, and that he believed by virtue of the fact that the parties had been arrested in Los Angeles and placed in jail, and the fact that the story had been handled by the Associated Press and all the papers in the country made familiar with the Dolly Dimples story and thereby placed on their guard, sufficient punishment had been administered.

This paper regrets that the Governor takes that view. The laws of Utah have been violated. The Dolly Dimples bunch have worked all the newspapers, from New York to this section, and the indications are they have worked a crooked deal on all of them. Upwards of one hundred contests have been given through the leading papers of the United States, but it remained for them to be exposed in Ogden.

Of course, it is all up to the Governor. The law makes him the sole judge as to the advisability of asking the Governor of California to allow the prisoners to be taken from Los Angeles and brought to Ogden.

Laws are peculiar. Those elected or appointed to execute the law sometimes are peculiar.

Sometimes a man steals a loaf of bread in order to give his starving children a bite to eat and is punished and sent to jail, but here is the Dolly Dimples crew of three practicing their swindling methods from New York to Utah. The evidence is plain and clear. They had started on a defrauding proposition and had completed their robbery, and yet the Governor thinks it is too expensive to bring these people back for trial.

It so happens that our ox is gored. We feel that we have been cheated—basely deceived. The fact that we were able to discover what all the other papers in the United States who gave these contests, were unable to discover, does not heal our wound. We feel like the boy did who prodded a bee hive—"stung." We don't care for the \$300 we paid, though we believe this money should be paid over to Miss Musser who captured Dolly Dimples. For Dolly Dimples to frame up a job with another person to catch her and then for said Dolly Dimples to swear to an affidavit that the capture was straight and fair and honorable is a crime that should not go unpunished.

The Governor does not hesitate to issue requisition papers for a man who tried to hold up another man for \$10, yet these people, who deliberately planned robbery, he permits to roam at large.

We hope that we are mistaken and that the Governor, before this article goes to press, shall have granted the requisition papers to bring Dolly Dimples and her base crew back to Ogden.

## THE RIGHT AND WRONG OF IT.

Yesterday a gentleman arrived in Ogden and remarked, "How things do change." He said: "Four years ago I arrived in Ogden, the morning after Mayor Glasmann had torn up the street car track running across the Ogden bridge. The whole town was excited and was singing the praises of the Mayor. Everybody said there was but one man in all Ogden who would dare to do such a job as tear up the railroad track belonging to the Ogden Rapid Transit company though it be a second track across the Ogden River bridge."

The gentleman continued, "Last evening I picked up the Ogden Examiner and was surprised to see that sheet charging the ex-mayor with being the special champion and apologist for the same Rapid Transit company. 'Won't you please tell us what has caused the change?'"

The gentleman undoubtedly thought the Examiner had been

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telling the truth, which, of course, is impossible. The facts are that when the ex-mayor got up one night, close to midnight, and tore up the track across the bridge, he did so because the track had been placed there without authority or warrant of law and the street car company did wrong.

That expresses the condition as it existed four years ago. The street rails were not removed because the ex-mayor was an enemy of the corporation; it was just simply a question of right or wrong. Now, however, the street railway company has doubled its tracks for many blocks, has put in new rails and has extended the system to The Hermitage in Ogden Canyon, is just finishing a branch to Plain City and contemplates the building of the latter branch to Brigham City and the canyon branch to Huntsville. Over one-quarter of a million dollars has been spent during the last two years in improving the street railway system and another quarter of a million will have to be spent to perfect the system, which improvements are already under way, as the rails have been ordered.

Under these conditions, we believe every honest citizen of Ogden thinks that, instead of denunciation and abuse, the street railway officials are entitled to the gratitude and endorsement of every business interest in the city.

While we believe the street railway people were wrong four years ago, we believe they are right now. They may be wrong after the first of the year and, if the new mayor so believes, he undoubtedly will act accordingly.

Fortunately the mayor-elect served the people of Ogden four years as mayor, and he convinced the good people of Ogden during that time that when he assumes the duties of mayor, he becomes mayor and no one else, in sanity, has ever yet claimed or charged that there was any power behind Mayor Glasmann's throne.

## JUST FOR FUN

### RARE BIRDS INDEED.

"Woman," observed the epigrammatic boarder, "is a puzzle without an answer."

"Huh!" snorted old Grumpy. "I never saw a woman without one yet."

—Boston Transcript.

### CLOSE RESEMBLANCE.

Gunner—The Boston beauty! She is as frigid as the North Pole.  
 Guyer—And she reminds me of the North Pole.

Gunner—In what way?  
 Guyer—There are two men fighting about her.—Chicago News.

### INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL USE.

Young Woman Customer—I'd like some rice, please. You have different qualities, haven't you?

Grocer—Yes, miss—wedding or pudding?—Boston Transcript.

### Self-Restraint.

Ellen stopped scrubbing the veranda steps long enough to cast an admiring eye on her employer's garden. "Sure they are fine posies ye have doctor," she said. "I've a neat little house I bought with the money I'd put by, and an elegant garden it had last year, too, but now there's neither stick nor stalk in it."

"What was it, hens or dogs?" asked the doctor, sympathetically mentioning his own aversions.

"Sure me neighbor—bad luck to to her!—had a ditch dug in her land, and the water ran down into me garden, and washed all me seeds away."

"And what did you do about it?"

"What could a poor lone body like me do?"

"Well, didn't you at least say something to the woman, complain, or tell her that you wouldn't stand it?"

"Now, doctor, dear, hard words just leads to bad feelings among neighbors, and that ye know as well as I do; and it's not me that would be using them. So I only said to her, 'I hope I'll live to see the floods flowing over your grave as your ditch waters have flooded over me garden,' and I let it go at that."—Youth's Companion.

### Bright Lad.

The teacher was trying to familiarize her little pupils with the definition of the word "tame."

"And what do most animals become after they have been in the zoo a long time?" she asked her class.

Up went the chubby hand of the little boy in the blue reefer.

"Please ma'am, I know," he chirped.

"What, Willie?"

"Peanut eaters, ma'am."—Chicago News.

### A Risky Thing.

"I think I'll go home."  
 "But it's only 11 o'clock, old man."

"Well, there's nothing doing at the club."

"I know; but consider. Once I went home at 11 o'clock and came near establishing a dangerous precedent."

—Kansas City Journal.

### Forgetful.

Said a sorrowful spook to his wife: "You don't love me as much as you did."

"You forget," said his frau. "I can see through you now, from the tips of your toes to your lid."—Boston Transcript.

### Honor Where Honor is Due.

First Golfer—Well, done, old chap! That's the longest ball I've seen you drive yet.

Second G—I'm afraid the credit's not all mine. A beast of a wasp touched me up in the middle of my swing.—Punch.

### Some Consolation.

Rankin—Got a bad toothache? Well, I'm sorry for you.

Fyle—O, it isn't as bad as having the rheumatism or a bad cold. Every man you meet doesn't insist on telling you how to cure it.—Chicago Tribune.

### A Welcome Exception.

"Why do you consider that man so desirable as a dinner guest?"

"He's one of the few people of our acquaintance who don't insist on having light meat when a fowl is carved."

—Washington Star.

### How They Look.

"I want one of the new spotted face vells, please."

"Yes, madam. Speckled, spattered or spotted?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### No Trouble After That.

"Poodles, how long have you been keeping chickens?"

"Ever since I put a good lock on the chicken-house."—Exchange.

### EVERGLADES OF FLORIDA.

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## JEWEL MYSTERY NOT UNRAVELED

New York, Dec. 13.—Detectives, after a day of investigation, style as an "Arabian Nights Mystery," the report of jewel theft from the Hotel Lorraine in this city, in which Mrs. John William Jenkins of Chicago at first appeared as the loser of gems valued at \$700,000.

This value was later cut in half, which subsequent inquiry brought from Inspector McCafferty of the detective bureau the announcement that investigation into the case, but not along the lines of a robbery.

Mrs. Jenkins remains in seclusion in her apartments. Her husband, it is said, is out of the city. If stolen, the jewels were taken out of her rooms in her absence Saturday afternoon. A

description of them has been sent to pawnshops throughout the city, and it is understood that part of the commission has been traced to three different shops.

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